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TAGS: PFOR PBOR MILI LA TH

SUBJECT: LAO ALLEGE THAI FIRE ON LAO BARGE

REF A VIENTIANE 2360, B BANGKOK 26026

1. THE LAO PARTY PRESS "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" SEPTEMBER 30 REPORTED THAT "THAI REACTIONARIES" SEPTEMBER 22 FIRED ON A LAO BARGE IN THE MEKONG WOUNDING THREE PASSENGERS AND CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE BARGE. THE BARGE REPORTEDLY LEFT THE VIENTIANE AREA CARRYING UNSPECIFIED CARGO TO PHONG SALY PROVINCE AND WAS BROUGHT UNDER FIRE NEAR BAN KOK PHEUNG ABOUT 80 MILES UPSTREAM NEAR CHIENG KHAN.

2. THE ARTICLE COMMENTED: "THIS PROVOCATION ON THE PART OF THE THAI REACTIONARIES CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THEY WISH TO CREATE NEW TENSIONS ALONG THE LAO-THAI FRONTIER AND IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE, THEY DARE TO DO THIS OPENLY. THE LAO

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PEOPLE DEMAND THAT THE THAI REACTIONARIES IMMEDIATELY CEASE

THIS KIND OF PROVOCATION."

3. COMMENT: THE SITE OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENT IS NEAR THE AREA WHERE THE LAO HAVE ALLEGED THAT THE THAI HAVE BUILT UP TROOPS AND INTRuded INTO LAO AIRSPACE, REPORTED REF A. CHIENG KHAN IS ALSO THE LOCATION OF A POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL BORDER OPENING AS MENTIONED REF B.
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